

**Gulf of Mexico Alliance Regional Restoration Coordination Team
Conference call 09-28-06, 3:00pm CDT**

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1.) Discussion of the upcoming November meeting -- come to agreement/understanding on location, dates, agenda, funding needs and potential sources. What work needs to be done (information and data gathered, technical experts invited, etc.) in preparation for that meeting?

LB: Confirming that the workshop is still scheduled for November 2-3 in order to go ahead with confirming speakers. Is there a location set?

BR: Waiting to confirm dates during this call. After the call, will reserve a hotel and meeting space.

KB: Along with some other feds, we developed a draft template that could be used for each of the state led workshops in order to help focus the meetings and address specific actions in the Governors' Action Plan. [Emailed the plan to everyone for review while on the call]

KG: Can you go through the agenda now, for those who don't have access at the moment?

KB: [Describes the "goals section in the front]

LB: Concerned that this is too bureaucratic- doesn't leave space for the why.

KG: These are more like guidance, not the outline for the meeting

LB: I'm really interested in placing why restoration in the Gulf of Mexico is important- giving a little bit of context at the beginning before we start talking about solutions.

KG & RR: Agree that there should be context at the beginning.

KB: There is time scheduled for big picture issues in the morning session. [Describes morning session]

LB: The recent controversial study coming out of LSU that contends that hurricanes are a greater source of replenishment for wetlands than even the river has implications about the feasibility of restoration projects. There really isn't time to get the all the things I was hoping to talk about in. Also, talking about successes right in the morning seems premature. We need to reinforce the bigger picture issues.

KG: Looks like we need to, at a minimum, switch the order of the two morning sessions.

MC & GD: There are places to cut time to make more room for the bigger picture items (minimizing the welcome & intros and shortening the break).

KB: Will make those changes to the template agenda. [Continues and reads the rest of the agenda]

[Discussion resulted in the adoption of a revised version of the draft agenda to work from.]

2.) Round table reports on team members' current and upcoming activities that address action items in the plan

LP: Just want all to keep in mind that the Regional Sediment Management Master Plan process is underway and the workshop is on pace for a January or February arrival.

KB: The January or February date would probably be an ideal time to also have the next state round robin workshop. We should coordinate to have those meetings at the same time.

3.) Brief update on Gulf of Mexico Program proposal review process and how funding may impact the Action Plan.

AP: [Sorry, I didn't take down anything about your update, Drew.]

4.) Other comments or discussion points.

Travel Arrangements

RR: Are we ready to make travel arrangements?

BR: I will book and finalize as soon as we get off the phone.

RR: In the future, can we make all travel arrangements go through the state leads?

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Call ended 3:49pm CDT